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Allotment of Iron Ore Mines
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has granted mining leases for iron ore to the private and public sector companies during each of the last three years and the current year;
(b) if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise; and
(c) the details of revenue generated or royalty collected from those companies during the said period, State/UT-wise?

Answer

(a) As per the provisions of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) (MMDR) Act, 1957, State Government is empowered to grant mining leases for all minerals. However, before the MMDR Amendment Act, 2015, prior approval of the Central Government was required under Section 5(1) of the MMDR Act for granting mineral concessions in respect of minerals specified in Parts 'C' of the First Schedule to the MMDR Act, 1957, including iron ore, which has been done away with.

(b) As per the information received from the Indian Bureau of Mines(IBM), the details of mining leases for iron ore granted to private and public sector companies during each of the last three years and the current year is given at Annexure-I.

(c) The information regarding revenue generated from mines is not centrally maintained. However, the details of royalty collected by the State Governments in respect of iron ore for the years 2012-13 to 2014-15 as informed by IBM is given at Annexure-II.